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SUBJ: TITLE I PL 480

PASS AGRICULTURE KOELLER FROM F. JACK

DURING RECENT VISIT TO TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, AGATT TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS STATUS OF PL 480 TITLE I NEGOTIATIONS AND HONDURAS'S NEED FOR CORN. RESULTS OF SICUSSIONS ARE:

1) NO REPEAT NO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TITLE I PL 480 AGREEMENT HAVE TAKEN PLACE FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME. THIS DUE PRIMARILY TO TIME NECESSARY COMPLETE REQUIRED AUDIT AND REORGANIZATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK, WHICH AS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PL 480 TITLE I MATTERS (I.E. USE OF SALES PROCEEDS, PURCHASING, AND NEGOTIATIONS). REQUEST AMEMB TEGUCGALPA COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING ADVISABILITY OF CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPMENT BANK AT THIS TIME.

2) DURING SEC STATE VISIT HONDURAN CHIEF OF STATE MADE URGENT PLEA FOR CONTINUATION OF PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM (REQUEST WAS IN \$7 MILLION RANGEL).

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3) NO REPEAT NO NEED FOR CORN IN HONDURAS DURING FY 1976.
COMMERICAL PURCHASES AND LOCAL PRODUCTION WILL SATISFY NEEDS.

4) THERE IS A NEED FOR WHEAT AND SHOULD IT BE DECIDED THAT
A FY 1976 PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE, THEN IT APPEARS THAT
APPROXIMATELY 30,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT COULD BE JUSTIFIED.
HOWEVER, DELIVERIES WOULD EXTEND INTO TRANSITIONAL QUARTER.
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